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I am delighted to have been asked to write the editorial that launches the second issue of Frontier.

Frontier is entirely led by postgraduate research students at the University of Leicester who have written and edited the articles, designed the graphics and put this issue together. The articles in Frontier cover the range of research activities that our postgraduate students are involved in across the different Colleges at the University and demonstrate the contribution that the students make to our research community. I am delighted with the high quality magazine that they have delivered. Postgraduate research students develop many skills during their PhD that may be directly relevant to their future careers or may not be used as much. The one skill that any student will use whatever their future career is the ability to communicate to non-specialist audiences their excitement and enthusiasm for what they are doing and why it matters. This issue gives postgraduate students an opportunity to see the great research being conducted at the University of Leicester and I hope that other postgraduates are enthused and motivated by what they see to contribute an article in the future. It doesn't matter whether you are a student based on campus or studying at a distance, please get in touch with the team on their e mail frontier@le.ac.uk. I would also like to thank the key people that have driven this initiative forward, in particular Sarah Bugby whose enthusiasm for Frontier has been key to ensuring it continues to

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